Marketing of combination of one or more drugs

502. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum number of combination of one or more drugs are being marketed in India;

(b) if so, what is the total number of combination of drugs permitted for marketing in the country;

(c) what is the procedure for permission for marketing of combination of drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that number of combination of drugs being marketed are dangerous, self poisoning which induces deaths;

(e) if so, names of such combinations about which reports in other countries have been published; and

(f) what steps have been taken to withdraw those combinations and by when the same will be withdrawn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHARDE): (a) Many brands of the same combinations of drugs are being marketed both by different companies in India.

(b) As State Drugs Controllers are the licensing Authorities for manufacture of formulations and there is no single central authority for registration of the drugs in the country, the exact number of combinations covering all the brands is not available with the Government of India.

(c) Although combinations of drugs have been included under the definition of "New Drugs" as given in the "Guidelines" such "Guidelines" is not yet statutory. Hence some of the State Licensing Authorities in the past did not consider combination of known marketed drugs as "New Drugs" and Licensed same combination in consultation with their experts.

(d) It is not a fact that number of combination of drugs moving in the market are dangerous, self poisoning which induces deaths.

(e) and (f) In view of reply of part (d) question do not arise.

Study on road accidents

503. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study on road accidents was undertaken by a National Transportation Planning and Research Centre recently;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the study; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to combat the rise in the road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) According to the National Transportation Planning and Research Centre study, the reasons for high rate of accidents are fast growing urbanisation, increase in transport activities due to economic growth vehicle growth, traffic congestion, poor road conditions, poor enforcement of traffic rules etc.

(c) Following measures to combat rise in road accidents are covered in the proposed new legislation:—

(i) Issue of driving licence to drive a transport vehicle only after training in a recognised driving school.

(ii) Medical fitness certificate for renewal of driving licence.

(iii) Reaction test for driver on involvement in total accident.

(iv) Laying down of standards in respect of critical components of vehicles.

(v) Enabling powers for the Central Government to fix the age-limits for transport vehicles.

(vi) Deterrent action for violation of traffic regulation safety and pollution control standards and standard for transportation of hazardous and explosive material.

Air India and Indian Airlines Board of Directors

504. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the term of the Board of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines which was to expire on June 30, 1987 has been further extended; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for extension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The detailed composition of the Boards of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines is as under:—

Air India	Indian Airlines
1. Shri Ratan Tata, Chairman.	1. Shri Rahul Bajaj, Chairman.
2. Shri Sadanand Shetty, CMD, Vijay Bank.	2. Shri Russi Modi, Chairman, TISCO.
3. Dr. Dharni Sinha, Principal, Administrative Staff College, Hydrabad.	3. Dr. Pratap Reddy, Chairman, Appolo Hospital.
4. Shri Vivek Bharatram.	4. Shri Y. C. Deveshwar, Chairman, Welcome Group.
5. Shri Arun Nanda, (Rediffusion, Bombay).	5. Dr. Francis Menezes, Director Tata Institute of Managment Training
6. Shri V. Pattanayak, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.	6. Shri P. C. Sen, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.
7. Managing Director, Air-India.	7. Smt. Ritu Nanda (A women entrepreneur).
8. Commercial Director, Air-India.	8. Managing Director, Indian Airlines.
9. Chairman, International Airports Authority of India.	9. Chairman, National Airports Authority
10. Managing Director, Indian Airlines.	10. Managing Director, Air India.
	11. Director General, Tourism.
	12. Shri Z. G. Rangoonwala.

Purchase of 747 SP and 747-200 B Aircraft

505. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether offers were received and negotiations carried on for purchasing 747 SP aircraft offered by Hirschmaun Aviation and 747-200 B aircraft from Scandinavian Air Service and Singapore Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether an internal committee of senior executives was set up by the Managing Director to evaluate and recommend a suitable aircraft for purchases by Air India;

(d) if so, what are the names of members of the committee;

(e) what are the recommendations made by the committee; and